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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows:

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 11 line 24 with the following rewritten paragraph:

As a result of this connection, the voltage converter 3 will ~~raise~~ convert the voltage ~~across~~ inputted from an anode of the largest unit cells Bmax up to the largest operational voltage of the unit cells B1 to B4 ... Bn. Because the voltage ~~across~~ at an anode of the capacitor C_B has been set to be smaller than the largest operational voltage, ~~the electric load will be transferred from the largest unit cell Bmax to the capacitor C_B~~ by way of output of the voltage converter 3 owing to the connection, ~~[[and]]~~ the capacitor C_B will be charged up to the largest operational voltage.

Replace the paragraph beginning on page 15 line 23 with the following rewritten

According to the above described embodiment, the voltage ~~across~~ inputted from the anode of the largest unit cell Bmax ~~has been raised~~ is converted up to the largest operational voltage of the unit cells B1 to B4 ... Bn by means of the voltage converter 3. However, the invention is not limited to this embodiment, but the voltage outputted to the anode of the capacitor C_B ~~across the largest unit cell Bmax~~ may be raised to a value equal to or more than the ~~largest operational~~ voltage of the unit cells B1 to B4 ... Bn largest unit cell Bmax. Since the voltage across the largest unit cell Bmax will

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not be higher than the largest operational voltage of the unit cells B1 to B4 ... Bn, ~~the electric charge~~
the voltage converter 3 can [[be]] reliably convert the voltage inputted ~~transferred~~ from the largest
unit cell Bmax and output the converted voltage to the capacitor C_B, so that the voltage of the
capacitor C_B may be made equal to or higher than the voltage across the largest unit cell Bmax.

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